

# South Carolina is Just Right for

## Agribusiness



South Carolina's agricultural industry has a long history and has been a vital component of the Palmetto State's economy for hundreds of years. Referred to as agribusiness, the agriculture and forestry industries collectively represent one of the largest economic sectors in the state of South Carolina.

- Annual impact of nearly \$46.2 billion
- Directly employs over 246,000
- Includes food processing, livestock and produce, wood, paper and forestry-related companies

# The Agribusiness Industry Calls South Carolina Home

South Carolina's growing network of agribusiness-related companies and suppliers, distributed across the state, includes family-owned and operated farms, large scale private farms, livestock producers, major food manufacturers and processors and wood and timber-related companies of all sizes.

- Starbucks Coffee
- Perdue
- McCall's Farms
- Georgia Pacific
- International Paper
- Tyson Prepared Foods
- Pilgrims Pride
- Sonoco
- Nestle
- Kraft
- First Quality Tissue

## Workforce, Training and Education

South Carolina is committed to growing and developing its world-class agribusiness industry and workforce. Clemson University's College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences offers many degree programs, both undergraduate and graduate, related to the agribusiness industry like agricultural education, agricultural business, forest resources management and food packaging science.

Additionally, South Carolina is home to 16 technical colleges, five of which offer degree programs in topics related to agribusiness.

## New and Expanding Agribusiness Companies

Since 2011, companies in the agribusiness industry have announced over 10,000 jobs and have invested over \$4 billion in South Carolina.

In 2020 alone, over 2,000 jobs were announced along with \$1 billion in investments.



### Expanding companies include:

Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc.; Ruiz Food Products, Inc.; Maxwood Furniture, Inc.; Lineage Logistics Services, Inc.; Effingham Pellets, LLC; Silgan Containers; Paper Converters, Inc.; Refresco North America (Cott Beverages); Lowcountry Kettle Potato Chips, LLC; McClancy Seasoning; and Sonoco Products Co.

### New companies include:

Setterstix Corporation; Mark Anthony Brewing; Inc.; Pure Blue Fish; Agricultural Technology Campus; Yield SC, LLC; Sumter Original Brewery, LLC; Niagara Bottling, LLC; and Pee Dee Extractors, LLC.